

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
JEFFERSON D. REYNOLDS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RE-
TIRED

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize Lt. Col., Ret. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia.

Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds has dedicated his life to serving our country, both as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds currently works as an attorney for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality providing program oversight and enforcement for over 50 agency program areas including air, water, waste, remediation, wetlands, petroleum, and natural resource damage.

For his service, Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds has earned numerous awards, including the defense meritorious service medal, two meritorious service medals, and numerous commendation medals. He is a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia.

In addition to our appreciation for his service, we owe Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds a debt of gratitude for the work he does for communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds serves as an Emergency Medical Technician squad leader for the Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad and as a member of the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps. He continues to volunteer his time in the Richmond area focusing on medical education for at-risk veterans.

Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds personal connection to rock climbing at the age of 14 has inspired him to create a mountaineering company that has organized and led expeditions to every continent in the world. He has climbed the highest peaks of the seven continents and with every climb undertaken it strengthens his resolve to advocate for the preservation and protection of our mountain landscapes. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds is also the proud father of two children, who, according to him: "are, undoubtedly, my biggest adventure."

It is for these reasons and so many more that I am proud to recognize Lt. Col., Ret. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia's inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for his continued service to our Commonwealth and our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds for his devotion to the United States of America and his selfless efforts to help all those around him improve the environment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAU-
RENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORA-
TIVE COIN ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School in the District of Columbia, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the United States. I myself am a proud graduate of Dunbar, a storied African-American high school in our country.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born on June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as *Majors and Minors* and *Lyrics of Lowly Life*. He also composed the lyrics to *In Dahomey*, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including *The New York Times*. Dunbar died on February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. It was the first college preparatory high school for African-American children in the United States. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School. The Federation has alumni from more than 35 graduating classes, and supports the school through its scholarship efforts, community activities and other endeavors.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins and 750,000 half-dollar coins, with a surcharge on each coin. The surcharges will benefit the scholarships and similar activities of the Dunbar Alumni Federation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING JUANITA BATTLE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, please recognize a dedicated and strong advocate for those who have been affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse. Juanita Battle of West Cape May passed away on October 7, 2021. She was a hero to many, and her legacy will live on with all of those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Juanita was the proud founder of Cape May County's Coalition Against Rape and Abuse. Her Coalition provides counsel, support, and advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She touched the hearts of many thousands of people during her forty-

seven years of service, and she will live on in their hearts forever. Juanita truly was a pillar of strength in the Cape May Community and may she rest in peace. God Bless Juanita, and God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed serviceman and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War:

Valley Forge
York Town

Civil War:

The Battle of Antietam
The Battle of Gettysburg

World War I:

The Battle of Argonne
Flanders Field
Verdun

World War II:

Pearl Harbor
Battle of Bataan
The Battle of Midway
D-Day

Battle of the Bulge

Battle of Anzio

Battle of Corregidor

Korean War:

Inchon
Heart Break Ridge
Pork Chop Hill

Vietnam:

Tet Offensive
Battle of Hue

Desert Storm:

September 11, 2001
Pentagon Attack (125 killed)

Operation Enduring Freedom:

Battle of Kandahar

Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Second Battle of Fallujah

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who